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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION: PRESIDENT CARTER'S CHANGE OF POSITION
ON THE MIDDLE EAST

1. "PRESIDENT CARTER'S SPECTACULAR AND DANGEROUS CHANGE OF POSITION ON THE MIDDLE EAST" WHICH IS EVIDENT IN HIS RECENT "STATEMENT OF OPPOSITION TO THE CREATION OF A PALESTINIAN STATE", CONSTITUTES AN ENCOURAGEMENT TO "ISRAEL'S EXPANSIONIST POLICY AND ITS UNWILLINGNESS TO WITHDRAW ITS TROOPS FROM OCCUPIED ARAB TERRITORIES", ACCORDING TO KINSHASA DAILY ELIMA FRONT PAG EDITORIAL. THE LATTER NOTES THAT PRESIDENT CARTER AND ISRAELI PRIME MINISTER HAVE HAD DIFFERENCES OF VIEWS OVER U.N. RESOLUTION 242. "NOW", CONTINUES THE EDITORIAL, "THERE IS AGREEMENT ON THE POSITIONS OF THE TWO LEADERS, AND MR.BEGIN IS VERY HAPPY BECAUSE", AS HE CLAIMS, "PRESIDENT CARTER HAS PROVED HIM TO BE RIGHT." THE EDITORIAL QUOTES THE ISRAELI LEADER AS SAYING THAT MR. CARTER BELIEVES THAT PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST MUST BE BASED ON ISRAEL'S PROPOSAL OF SELF-GOVERNMENT FOR THE WEST BANK OF THE JORDAN AND THE GAZA STRIP.

2. THE EDITORIAL WONDERS WHY PRESIDENT CARTE APPROVES OF SUCH AN EXPANSIONIST POLICY. IT ASKS FURTHER: "WHAT THEN DOES MR. CARTER THINK OF HUMAN RIGHTS", WHILE ADDING: ISRAEL VIOLATES HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND "HAS FORCED AN
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ENTIRE PEOPLE TO BECOME MISERABLE REFUGEES." THE EDITORIAL POINTS OUT THAT MR. CARTER SHOULD BE REMINDED THERE CAN NEVER BE PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST AS LONG AS ISRAEL REFUSES TO WITHDRAW ITS FORCES FROM OCCUPIED TERRITORIES.

3. "BY CHOOOSING TO BE ON PRIME MINISTER BEGIN'S SIDE, PRESIDENT CARTER HAS BETRAYED EGYPTIAN PRESIDENT SADAT, A SINCERE MAN

WHO IS DEVOTED TO THE CAUSE OF PEACE", CONCLUDES EDITORIAL.
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